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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

The total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana, estimated at 1,711,400 for September, reflected an increase of 22,700 compared to the August revised level and 60,700 compared to September, 1993.

Employment in the goods producing industries, estimated at 341,800, exceeded last month's revised figure of 339,200 as well as last year's figure of 331,400. Mining decreased as a result of less activity in the exploration for oil and gas. Construction was up with gains in all sectors. A seasonal increase in food and kindred products, nondurable goods pushed manufacturing payrolls higher in September.

Service producing employment continued its upward move to a level of 1,369,600 in comparison to the August level of 1,349,500 and the September, 1993 level of 1,319,300. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was up by 200 in September with the growth being in the transportation, excluding railroads sector. Trade rose slightly with the retail trade segment contributing the majority of the increase. Finance, insurance, and real estate payrolls dropped as a result of decreases in the banking and real estate segments. A seasonal increase in educational services was mainly responsible for the growth in total services employment. Government employment rose due to seasonal increases in both state and local education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 138,700 production workers in manufacturing increased from $562.46 in August to $578.60 in September, an increase of $16.14, and an increase of $33.80 from September of last year. Average hourly earnings were $13.18 in September, in comparison to $13.05 in August and $12.91 in September, 1993. Average weekly hours in September were 43.9, an increase of 0.8 hours from the August revised level of 43.1 hours.

The September preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.7 percent, a decrease from the August revised rate of 7.9 percent. The national unemployment rate for September was 5.9 percent, a decrease from the August rate of 6.1 percent. Total unemployment for September decreased to 151,900. The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,977,200 with an increase in total employment to 1,825,300.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1994*	Aug. 1994**	Sept. 1993**	Net Change From Aug. 1994	Net Change From Sept. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,711.4	1,688.7	1,650.7	+22.7	+60.7
GOODS PRODUCING	341.8	339.2	331.4	+ 2.6	+10.4
MINING	46.4	46.7	45.5	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Oil and Gas Extraction	44.5	44.8	43.7	- 0.3	+ 0.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	107.2	105.5	98.4	+ 1.7	+ 8.8
General Contractors	19.7	19.2	16.1	+ 0.5	+ 3.6
Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg.	40.4	39.7	39.9	+ 0.7	+ 0.5
Special Trade Contractors	47.1	46.6	42.4	+ 0.5	+ 4.7
MANUFACTURING	188.2	187.0	187.5	+ 1.2	+ 0.7
Durable Goods	80.0	79.9	79.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	13.3	13.3	13.2	0	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6.1	6.0	5.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Primary Metal Industries	2.6	2.6	2.9	0	- 0.3
Fabricated Metal Products	12.9	13.0	13.7	- 0.1	- 0.8
Machinery, Except Electrical	12.9	12.9	12.8	0	+ 0.1
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	5.5	5.5	5.6	0	- 0.1
Transportation Equipment	22.2	22.1	21.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Other Durable Goods (1)	4.5	4.5	4.2	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	108.2	107.1	107.8	+ 1.1	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	23.6	22.4	22.6	+ 1.2	+ 1.0
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	10.6	10.7	11.5	- 0.1	- 0.9
Paper & Allied Products	11.6	11.6	12.0	0	- 0.4
Printing & Publishing	9.5	9.5	9.4	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	30.5	30.5	30.3	0	+ 0.2
Inorganic Chemicals	7.1	7.1	7.2	0	- 0.1
Organic Chemicals	10.5	10.6	10.5	- 0.1	0
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.5	12.5	12.5	0	0
Petroleum Refining	11.4	11.5	11.4	- 0.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	9.9	9.9	9.5	0	+ 0.4
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,369.6	1,349.5	1,319.3	+20.1	+50.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	108.5	108.3	105.5	+ 0.2	+ 3.0
Railroad Transportation	4.7	4.7	4.9	0	- 0.2
Transportation, ex. Railroads	66.1	65.9	63.0	+ 0.2	+ 3.1
Water Transportation	23.5	23.5	22.6	0	+ 0.9
Communications & Public Util.	37.7	37.7	37.6	0	+ 0.1
Comm., ex. US Postal Service	15.9	15.9	15.9	0	0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Serv.	21.8	21.8	21.7	0	+ 0.1

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1994*	Aug. 1994**	Sept. 1993**	Net Change From Aug. 1994	Net Change From Sept. 1993
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	395.0	394.5	382.4	+ 0.5	+12.6
Wholesale Trade	87.8	87.7	84.7	+ 0.1	+ 3.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.8	47.7	46.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	40.0	40.0	38.2	0	+ 1.8
Retail Trade	307.2	306.8	297.7	+ 0.4	+ 9.5
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	11.7	11.7	11.3	0	+ 0.4
General Merchandise	42.2	42.1	40.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Food Stores	60.2	60.2	58.5	0	+ 1.7
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	35.2	35.0	33.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Apparel and Accessory	16.0	16.0	15.3	0	+ 0.7
Furniture and Equipment	10.7	10.7	10.6	0	+ 0.1
Eating and Drinking Places	100.0	100.1	97.7	- 0.1	+ 2.3
Other Retail Trade	31.2	31.0	30.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	79.2	79.5	77.9	- 0.3	+ 1.3
Banking	28.2	28.4	27.7	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Insurance	26.9	26.8	26.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICES	436.8	430.9	412.9	+ 5.9	+23.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.4	22.3	21.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Personal Services	14.7	14.5	14.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Business Services	72.7	71.6	66.6	+ 1.1	+ 6.1
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	12.6	12.6	11.9	0	+ 0.7
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.8	6.8	6.6	0	+ 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	21.7	21.5	14.0	+ 0.2	+ 7.7
Health Services	146.7	146.3	140.3	+ 0.4	+ 6.4
Hospitals	61.8	61.6	59.6	+ 0.2	+ 2.2
Legal Services	16.3	16.5	16.4	- 0.2	- 0.1
Educational Services	28.6	22.9	28.6	+ 5.7	0
Social Services	27.6	28.5	26.7	- 0.9	+ 0.9
Membership Organizations	26.2	26.4	26.4	- 0.2	- 0.2
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	29.1	29.3	27.8	- 0.2	+ 1.3
Miscellaneous Services	6.2	6.3	6.8	- 0.1	- 0.6
GOVERNMENT	350.1	336.3	340.6	+13.8	+ 9.5
Federal	36.6	36.7	36.9	- 0.1	- 0.3
State and Local	313.5	299.6	303.7	+13.9	+ 9.8
State	108.8	101.2	106.2	+ 7.6	+ 2.6
Local	204.7	198.4	197.5	+ 6.3	+ 7.2

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Sept. '94*	Aug. '94**	Sept. '93**	Sept. '94*	Aug. '94**	Sept. '93**	Sept. '94*	Aug. '94**	Sept. '93**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$578.60	$562.46	$544.80	43.9	43.1	42.2	$13.18	$13.05	$12.91
Durable Goods	522.74	508.81	494.16	44.3	43.6	42.6	11.80	11.67	11.60
Lumber & Wood Products	438.26	383.87	399.33	45.7	42.7	43.5	9.59	8.99	9.18
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	460.22	487.94	488.63	40.8	42.1	42.9	11.28	11.59	11.39
Fabricated Metal Products	452.34	447.95	477.86	42.0	41.4	43.6	10.77	10.82	10.96
Machinery, ex. Electrical	555.07	531.49	513.02	47.2	45.7	45.2	11.76	11.63	11.35
Electric & Electronic Equip.	820.87	712.34	725.79	46.8	42.2	37.9	17.54	16.88	19.15
Transportation Equipment	567.66	586.80	532.93	43.7	45.0	40.9	12.99	13.04	13.03
Nondurable Goods	625.35	606.77	587.58	43.7	42.7	42.0	14.31	14.21	13.99
Food & Kindred Products	348.16	344.16	320.72	41.3	40.3	39.4	8.43	8.54	8.14
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	264.00	259.38	215.41	37.5	37.7	33.5	7.04	6.88	6.43
Paper & Allied Products	663.69	669.61	641.29	41.3	42.3	41.4	16.07	15.83	15.49
Printing & Publishing	479.20	452.96	458.64	40.0	38.0	39.1	11.98	11.92	11.73
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	932.96	935.06	885.19	47.6	46.8	46.2	19.60	19.98	19.16
Petroleum & Coal Products	1,072.90	903.17	993.40	50.8	44.1	48.2	21.12	20.48	20.61
Petroleum Refining	1,103.25	924.53	1,022.99	51.1	43.9	48.9	21.59	21.06	20.92
MINING	645.00	639.33	631.24	51.6	50.7	49.9	12.50	12.61	12.65
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	630.68	622.43	589.47	42.7	42.4	41.6	14.77	14.68	14.17
BANKING	337.75	334.44	320.89	36.2	36.0	36.3	9.33	9.29	8.84

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **138,700** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **82,700** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Sept. '94*	Aug. '94**	Sept. '93**	Sept. '94*	Aug. '94**	Sept. '93**	Sept. '94*	Aug. '94**	Sept. '93**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$696.50	$688.90	$662.49	43.1	43.3	43.3	$16.16	$15.91	$15.30
Petro-Chemicals	982.77	971.38	919.13	47.0	47.2	47.5	20.91	20.58	19.35

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,500** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$613.36	$586.02	$559.15	45.1	43.7	42.2	$13.60	$13.41	$13.25
Durable Goods	502.11	505.39	433.22	43.7	44.1	39.6	11.49	11.46	10.94
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	467.84	510.47	504.39	42.3	45.7	45.4	11.06	11.17	11.11
Fabricated Metal Products	463.54	453.33	481.09	43.2	41.1	45.3	10.73	11.03	10.62
Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair	425.25	463.47	371.95	40.5	43.6	36.9	10.50	10.63	10.08
Nondurable Goods	711.31	655.56	659.91	46.4	43.3	44.2	15.33	15.14	14.93
Food & Kindred Products	449.89	449.24	433.87	43.3	44.0	43.3	10.39	10.21	10.02
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	182.82	182.29	187.07	34.3	34.2	34.2	5.33	5.33	5.47
Printing & Publishing	512.06	468.47	480.38	44.8	39.6	42.7	11.43	11.83	11.25
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	954.69	936.24	998.94	50.3	47.0	49.6	18.98	19.92	20.14

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **35,200** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$592.57	$593.40	$589.78	43.7	43.0	40.9	$13.56	$13.80	$14.42
Lumber and Wood Products	343.17	329.94	322.87	44.8	43.7	41.5	7.66	7.55	7.78
Food and Kindred Products	364.10	309.07	334.60	33.1	28.2	31.3	11.00	10.96	10.69
Printing and Publishing	413.48	396.39	380.03	40.3	38.9	38.7	10.26	10.19	9.82
Chemicals & Allied Products	706.53	622.92	696.11	47.9	43.5	46.5	14.75	14.32	14.97

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **16,100** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY SEP., 1994				REVISED AUG., 1994				REVISED SEP., 1993			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	UNEMP RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	UNEMP RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	UNEMP RATE
LOUISIANA (SEAS. ADJ.)	1977.2	1825.3	151.9	7.7	1974.2	1818.9	155.3	7.9	1868.3	1734.5	133.8	7.2
LOUISIANA (UNADJUSTED)	1969.7	1822.4	147.3	7.5	1987.1	1826.8	160.3	8.1	1864.6	1733.6	131.0	7.0

DATA BELOW NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED - CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE CAN BE DERIVED BY ADDING EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED. LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS METHODOLOGY AND MAY BE USED FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS & THEIR PARISH COMPONENTS	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	PREL SEP '94	REV AUG '94	REV SEP '93	PREL SEP '94	REV AUG '94	REV SEP '93	PREL SEP '94	REV AUG '94	REV SEP '93
ALEXANDRIA (RAPIDES)	53.2	53.4	51.4	3.9	4.2	3.6	6.8	7.3	6.6
BATON ROUGE	264.5	262.1	251.1	19.2	21.5	18.0	6.8	7.6	6.7
ASCENSION	27.1	26.8	25.7	2.3	2.7	2.4	7.8	9.0	8.6
EAST BATON ROUGE	195.3	193.6	185.4	12.8	14.1	11.5	6.2	6.8	5.8
LIVINGSTON	33.1	32.8	31.5	3.3	3.8	3.3	9.0	10.2	9.4
WEST BATON ROUGE	9.0	8.9	8.5	0.8	0.9	0.8	8.6	9.5	8.6
HOUMA	74.2	74.7	70.3	4.9	5.7	4.7	6.2	7.1	6.3
LAFOURCHE	35.0	35.2	33.2	2.3	2.8	2.2	6.3	7.3	6.4
TERREBONNE	39.2	39.5	37.1	2.6	2.9	2.5	6.1	7.0	6.2
LAFAYETTE	149.1	151.0	142.1	11.6	12.2	9.9	7.2	7.5	6.5
ACADIA	20.7	20.9	19.7	1.8	1.9	1.6	8.1	8.1	7.6
LAFAYETTE	82.5	83.5	78.6	4.6	4.8	4.3	5.3	5.5	5.2
ST LANDRY	27.7	28.1	26.4	3.4	3.8	2.7	11.0	12.0	9.2
ST MARTIN	18.2	18.5	17.4	1.8	1.7	1.3	8.7	8.4	7.1
LAKE CHARLES (CALCASIEU)	75.8	76.3	72.5	6.4	7.1	5.5	7.8	8.5	7.0
MONROE (OUACHITA)	62.7	62.8	60.1	4.7	5.1	4.2	6.9	7.5	6.5
NEW ORLEANS	564.9	566.5	541.7	44.7	47.4	40.4	7.3	7.7	6.9
JEFFERSON	220.9	221.5	211.8	14.9	15.9	13.5	6.3	6.7	6.0
ORLEANS	191.1	191.6	183.3	17.5	18.0	15.1	8.4	8.6	7.6
PLAQUEMINES	9.7	9.8	9.3	0.8	0.8	0.7	7.7	7.8	6.8
ST BERNARD	29.2	29.3	28.0	2.5	2.7	2.1	7.9	8.6	7.0
ST CHARLES	19.4	19.5	18 6	1.6	1.8	1.6	7.5	8.4	7.9
ST JAMES	7.9	7.9	7.6	0.8	1.3	1.1	9.7	14.0	12.9
ST JOHN	17.1	17.1	16.4	1.4	1.8	1.8	7.7	9.4	10.0
ST TAMMANY	69.6	69.8	66.7	5.2	5.1	4.5	6.9	6.8	6.3
SHREV'T-BOSSIER CITY	167.9	169.4	157.5	13.3	13.8	11.3	7.3	7.5	6.7
BOSSIER	39.9	40.3	37.4	2.8	2.7	2.5	6.5	6.2	6.3
CADDO	111.1	112.1	104.3	8.2	8.7	7.3	6.9	7.2	6.5
WEBSTER	16.9	17.0	15.8	2.3	2.4	1.5	12.1	12.3	8.7

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

PARISH	EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	PREL SEP '94	REV AUG '94	REV SEP '93	PREL SEP '94	REV AUG '94	REV SEP '93	PREL SEP '94	REV AUG '94	REV SEP '93
ALLEN	7950	8050	7525	875	900	750	10.0	10.1	9.0
ASSUMPTION	8525	8650	7800	725	850	900	7.9	9.0	10.5
AVOYELLES	15675	15375	13175	1500	1750	1325	8.7	10.2	9.1
BEAUREGARD	11925	11900	11375	1125	1275	1000	8.6	9.7	8.1
BIENVILLE	5875	5900	5625	525	575	425	8.1	8.9	7.0
CALDWELL	4050	4075	3925	425	575	375	9.3	12.3	8.6
CAMERON	3600	3625	3350	200	175	175	5.2	4.7	4.6
CATAHOULA	5100	5125	4700	525	600	425	9.1	10.3	8.2
CLAIBORNE	5150	5250	5100	575	650	325	10.1	10.9	6.1
CONCORDIA	7625	7675	7325	975	1025	925	11.5	11.9	11.2
DESOTO	9425	9425	8875	850	1000	825	8.3	9.6	8.6
EAST CARROLL	3075	3075	2875	400	575	350	11.3	15.7	11.2
EAST FELICIANA	7675	7700	7175	650	700	575	7.7	8.4	7.3
EVANGELINE	11625	11600	11025	950	1025	750	7.7	8.2	6.3
FRANKLIN	9575	9725	9225	1025	1200	850	9.7	10.9	8.3
GRANT	6275	6325	6400	775	825	450	11.0	11.4	6.7
IBERIA	27600	27550	26275	2450	2650	1975	8.2	8.8	6.9
IBERVILLE	12075	12175	11475	1400	1600	1325	10.3	11.6	10.4
JACKSON	6175	6200	5825	500	450	350	7.6	6.6	5.8
JEFFERSON DAVIS	10900	11050	10450	1125	1100	875	9.3	9.0	7.8
LASALLE	5525	5550	5375	425	525	525	7.2	8.7	8.8
LINCOLN	18825	18075	18075	925	775	700	4.7	4.1	3.7
MADISON	4550	4600	4250	550	650	525	10.9	12.5	10.8
MOREHOUSE	12500	12525	11875	1350	1650	1125	9.8	11.6	8.7
NATCHITOCHES	15800	15725	14600	1225	1425	1125	7.3	8.3	7.1
POINTE COUPEE	9075	9100	8750	1100	1375	925	10.8	13.2	9.6
RED RIVER	3575	3550	3325	350	375	300	9.2	9.6	8.4
RICHLAND	7800	7775	7300	875	1050	750	10.0	11.9	9.2
SABINE	8900	8900	8375	575	675	575	6.1	7.0	6.4
ST HELENA	3800	3775	3600	325	400	225	7.9	9.8	6.0
ST MARY	22750	23075	20775	2300	2425	1900	9.2	9.5	8.3
TANGIPAHOA	36500	36225	34550	4225	4975	3725	10.4	12.1	9.7
TENSAS	2950	2950	2650	225	300	200	7.3	9.4	7.3
UNION	10950	11125	10375	725	725	575	6.3	6.0	5.4
VERMILION	21075	21200	19425	1450	1575	1325	6.5	6.9	6.4
VERNON	15925	16125	15625	1425	1575	1400	8.3	8.9	8.2
WASHINGTON	15525	15650	14450	1550	1700	1400	9.0	9.8	8.8
WEST CARROLL	4450	4350	4800	700	900	575	13.8	17.1	10.8
WEST FELICIANA	3375	3450	3275	350	325	275	9.5	8.9	8.0
WINN	6375	6425	5950	375	400	300	5.6	5.9	4.9

LABOR AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS METHODOLOGY AND MAY BE USED FOR ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE CAN BE DERIVED BY ADDING EMPLOYED AND UNEMPLOYED.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1994*	Aug. 1994**	Sept. 1993**	Net Change From Aug. 1994	Net Change From Sept. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	50.1	49.9	49.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
GOODS PRODUCING	7.2	7.3	6.9	- 0.1	+ 0.3
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.6	3.7	3.1	- 0.1	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.4	3.6	0	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.3	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	42.9	42.6	43.0	+ 0.3	- 0.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.0	11.0	11.1	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	2.1	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	9.1	9.1	9.0	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.2	2.1	- 0.1	0
SERVICES	14.5	14.4	14.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Health Services	6.6	6.6	6.6	0	0
GOVERNMENT	12.8	12.5	12.9	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Federal	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.5	10.2	10.5	+ 0.3	0
State	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
Local	5.6	5.3	5.6	+ 0.3	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 50,100 in September, a 200 increase currently and over the year.

Employment in the goods producing sector declined to a level of 7,200. Less business activity in general nonresidential contractors were totally responsible for the current loss in construction. Both mining and manufacturing remained unchanged from the prior month.

Employment in the service producing sector increased to a level of 42,900. Employment increased 300 in local government, due to the start-up of the new school year. Private education and health services were primarily responsible for the upturn in services. Finance, insurance, and real estate moved downward to 2,100, due to less business in the banking industry.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1994*	Aug. 1994**	Sept. 1993**	Net Change From Aug. 1994	Net Change From Sept. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	264.0	258.8	257.0	+ 5.2	+ 7.0
GOODS PRODUCING	56.4	55.0	54.0	+ 1.4	+ 2.4
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	32.5	30.9	30.1	+ 1.6	+ 2.4
MANUFACTURING	23.0	23.2	23.0	- 0.2	0
Durable Goods	5.9	6.1	5.7	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	17.1	17.1	17.3	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.2	12.2	12.4	0	- 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	207.6	203.8	203.0	+ 3.8	+ 4.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.8	11.9	11.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	58.0	57.9	55.9	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Wholesale Trade	13.5	13.5	13.3	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	9.1	9.1	9.0	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	44.5	44.4	42.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
General Merchandise	6.2	6.0	5.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	14.6	14.7	14.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Banking	4.3	4.3	4.4	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	65.2	65.1	63.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
GOVERNMENT	58.0	54.2	57.0	+ 3.8	+ 1.0
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
State and Local	55.6	51.8	54.6	+ 3.8	+ 1.0
State	30.9	27.2	30.3	+ 3.7	+ 0.6
Local	24.7	24.6	24.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA rose to a record level of 264,000 in September, as a result of seasonal increases in government. The overall yearly gain of 7,000 was centered mainly in the construction and trade industries.

Goods producing employment continued its upward trend to a level of 56,400, an increase of 2,400 from the prior year. Substantial gain in all segments of construction allowed an overall growth of 1,600 from August. The manufacturing sector, affected by less business in the durable goods industry, moved down to 23,000 in September.

Service producing employment rebounded to a level of 207,600 in September, an increase of 3,800 from the prior month. The largest gain occurred in government due to the return of students and faculty at local and state educational institutions. Both trade and services were on the upturn in September, influenced by more business activity. Transportation, communications, and public utilities declined to 11,800, triggered by losses in the communications segment. Downsizing in the real estate segment was totally responsible for the current loss in finance, insurance, and real estate.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,500 production workers in all manufacturing was $696.50 for September, an increase of $7.60 from the August average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $34.01. Average weekly hours, at 43.1, decreased by 0.2 hours in August, while average hourly earnings, at $16.16, increased by $0.25 an hour. A shorter workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA registered at 283,700. This figure was comprised of 264,500 employed and 19,200 unemployed. The unemployment rate stood at 6.8 percent in September.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,008 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,554 referrals to current openings resulted in 123 placements during September.

HOUMA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1994*	Aug. 1994**	Sept. 1993**	Net Change From Aug. 1994	Net Change From Sept. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	61.7	61.2	59.8	+ 0.5	+ 1.9
GOODS PRODUCING	13.7	13.7	13.7	0	0
MINING	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0
MANUFACTURING	5.6	5.6	5.5	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	4.1	4.1	3.8	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.7	0	- 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	48.0	47.5	46.1	+ 0.5	+ 1.9
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	5.9	5.9	5.8	0	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	3.4	3.3	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.4	15.3	14.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	12.5	12.4	11.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.0	12.1	11.4	- 0.1	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	12.5	12.0	11.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.6
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
State and Local	12.1	11.6	11.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.6
State	3.4	3.0	3.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Local	8.7	8.6	8.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma MSA registered at 61,700 for September. This was a gain of 500 over August's revised figure of 61,200 and a sizable increase of 1,900 from the year-ago level of 59,800.

Goods producing employment stood at 13,700 for September and August. There was also no change from September one year ago.

Service producing employment noted an increase of 500. Trade was up by 100 over the month in the retail trade sector, while services fell by 100. Government was responsible for most of the gain in service producing employment, with seasonal increases of 500 in state and local government. This was due to the beginning of the fall semester.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1994*	Aug. 1994**	Sept. 1993**	Net Change From Aug. 1994	Net Change From Sept. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	139.6	139.7	136.4	- 0.1	+ 3.2
GOODS PRODUCING	34.4	34.8	33.3	- 0.4	+ 1.0
MINING	11.2	11.3	11.2	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	7.2	7.4	6.8	- 0.2	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	16.0	16.1	15.3	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Durable Goods	5.5	5.5	5.0	0	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	10.5	10.6	10.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	105.2	104.9	103.1	+ 0.3	+ 2.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.3	8.3	8.1	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	36.1	36.0	34.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
Wholesale Trade	8.1	8.1	7.8	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	28.0	27.9	26.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
General Merchandise	4.1	4.0	3.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	5.6	5.7	5.6	- 0.1	0
Banking	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	33.2	33.2	32.8	0	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	22.0	21.7	22.0	+ 0.3	0
Federal	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
State and Local	20.7	20.4	20.7	+ 0.3	0
State	6.3	5.8	6.3	+ 0.5	0
Local	14.4	14.6	14.4	- 0.2	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 139,600 in September, was down by 100 from the August revised estimate of 139,700.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 34,400, a decrease from the August figure of 34,800. Mining and manufacturing was off 100 each; while construction dropped 200 during September.

Service producing employment was estimated at 105,200, an increase of 300 from last month's figure. The trade, and finance, insurance, and real estate sectors offset each other with a 100 person change in employment. Government increased 300 due to seasonal hiring in the state government sector.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1994*	Aug. 1994**	Sept. 1993**	Net Change From Aug. 1994	Net Change From Sept. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	74.1	73.9	72.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
GOODS PRODUCING	19.9	19.9	19.8	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	7.2	7.3	7.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
MANUFACTURING	11.3	11.2	11.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.5	0	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	9.4	9.3	9.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Chemical & Petro Products	8.6	8.5	8.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	54.2	54.0	53.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.3	4.4	4.6	- 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	16.5	16.3	16.5	+ 0.2	0
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.3	3.3	0	0
Retail Trade	13.2	13.0	13.2	+ 0.2	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	18.2	18.3	17.0	- 0.1	+ 1.2
GOVERNMENT	12.6	12.4	12.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	12.0	11.8	11.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
State	3.8	3.6	3.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Local	8.2	8.2	8.1	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA reached a level of 74,100 for September. This was a gain of 200 from the August revised level of 73,900 and was 1,300 above September of last year.

Goods producing employment leveled off at 19,900 for September and August, and rose only by 100 from September of last year. Small increases and decreases of 100 each were noted in construction and nondurable goods manufacturing, offsetting each other and producing no change in the overall figure for the goods producing industry.

Service producing employment revealed a minimal rise of 200 over the month, but a substantial gain of 1,200 from the year-ago figure. Drops of 100 each in the transportation, communications, and public utilities, and services sectors somewhat diminished seasonal increases of 200 each in retail trade and state government.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1994*	Aug. 1994**	Sept. 1993**	Net Change From Aug. 1994	Net Change From Sept. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	63.0	62.4	61.8	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
GOODS PRODUCING	11.5	11.4	11.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.2	3.1	3.2	+ 0.1	0
MANUFACTURING	8.0	8.0	8.1	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.6	5.6	5.7	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	5.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	51.5	51.0	50.2	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.7	15.7	14.8	0	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.3	3.2	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	12.4	12.4	11.6	0	+ 0.8
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	3.2	3.2	2.7	0	+ 0.5
Eating & Drinking Places	4.0	4.0	3.7	0	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.3	4.4	4.3	- 0.1	0
Banking	1.8	1.9	1.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	16.1	16.1	15.9	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.0	11.4	11.9	+ 0.6	+ 0.1
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	11.5	10.9	11.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.1
State	5.1	4.5	5.0	+ 0.6	+ 0.1
Local	6.4	6.4	6.4	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 63,000 in September. This was 600 more than the August revised estimate and 1,200 more than the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 11,500, showed a slight increase of 100 from August, 1994. Mining remained stable. Construction rose by 100 over-the-month. Manufacturing, estimated at 8,000, was unchanged from the August figure, but 100 less than the September, 1993 figure of 8,100.

Service producing employment was estimated at 51,500 for September, 1994. This was 500 more than August and 1,300 more than September, 1993. Government was higher due to an increase of 600 in state government.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1994*	Aug. 1994**	Sept. 1993**	Net Change From Aug. 1994	Net Change From Sept. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	579.2	575.1	573.1	+ 4.1	+ 6.1
GOODS PRODUCING	87.4	87.3	87.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	14.2	14.1	14.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.7	13.6	13.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	24.4	24.5	25.6	- 0.1	- 1.2
MANUFACTURING	48.8	48.7	47.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Durable Goods	23.2	23.1	22.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
Machinery Inc. Electrical	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 0.2
Transportation Equipment	12.1	12.1	11.5	0	+ 0.6
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	9.5	9.6	9.0	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.2	2.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	25.6	25.6	25.5	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	5.5	5.5	5.4	0	+ 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	7.2	7.2	7.2	0	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	491.8	487.8	485.9	+ 4.0	+ 5.9
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	42.3	42.6	43.3	- 0.3	- 1.0
Railroad Transportation	1.2	1.2	1.3	0	- 0.1
Trucking and Warehousing	8.5	8.4	8.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	11.4	11.6	12.0	- 0.2	- 0.6
Comm. & Public Util.	12.8	12.8	13.2	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	141.1	141.2	140.0	- 0.1	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade	33.3	33.3	33.5	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.3	17.3	17.3	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	16.0	16.0	16.2	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	107.8	107.9	106.5	- 0.1	+ 1.3
General Merchandise	12.9	12.6	12.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Food Stores	20.6	20.4	20.6	+ 0.2	0
Eating & Drinking Places	38.2	38.5	38.2	- 0.3	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	30.0	30.2	29.9	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Banking	9.6	9.7	9.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICES	174.2	170.9	169.5	+ 3.3	+ 4.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.1	13.2	13.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Health Services	49.0	49.1	47.9	- 0.1	+ 1.1
Educational Services	17.4	14.6	19.0	+ 2.8	- 1.6
GOVERNMENT	104.2	102.9	103.2	+ 1.3	+ 1.0
Federal	16.9	16.9	17.4	0	- 0.5
State and Local	87.3	86.0	85.8	+ 1.3	+ 1.5
State	23.6	23.5	23.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Local	63.7	62.5	62.1	+ 1.2	+ 1.6

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA in September was estimated at 579,200, an increase of 4,100 from the August revised level and 6,100 above September, 1993.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 87,400 in September. This was 100 more than August and 200 higher than the year-ago figure. Mining and manufacturing showed an increase of 100 each, while construction exhibited a decrease of 100 from the August level.

Service producing employment, estimated at 491,800, was 4,000 higher than last month and 5,900 above September of last year. Transportation, communications, and public utilities was down mainly due to less business in the water transportation industry. Trade had a minimal decline of 100 for September. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment was lower in the finance segment. Services employment accounted for much of the over-the-month gain with increases in the educational services, and amusement and recreation services segments. Government also rose due to a seasonal increase in local education payrolls.

An estimated 35,200 production workers in the New Orleans MSA earned $613.36 per week, up $27.34 from last month's revised figure. Average weekly hours were 45.1, up from 43.7 the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $13.60, up from $13.41 in August, and $0.35 higher than September of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 47,400 in September. The unemployment rate registered 7.3 percent.

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1994*	Aug. 1994**	Sept. 1993**	Net Change From Aug. 1994	Net Change From Sept. 1993
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	160.6	160.3	155.4	+ 0.3	+ 5.2
GOODS PRODUCING	31.8	32.2	31.8	- 0.4	0
MINING	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	8.0	8.3	8.3	- 0.3	- 0.3
MANUFACTURING	20.7	20.8	20.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	14.6	14.6	14.3	0	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 0.3
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.0	5.0	4.8	0	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	5.7	5.7	5.3	0	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	6.1	6.2	6.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	2.0	2.1	2.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	128.8	128.1	123.6	+ 0.7	+ 5.2
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.3	8.2	8.3	+ 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	37.4	37.5	36.4	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade	9.0	9.0	8.8	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	28.4	28.5	27.6	- 0.1	+ 0.8
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.7	6.6	6.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICES	45.2	45.2	41.5	0	+ 3.7
GOVERNMENT	31.2	30.6	30.8	+ 0.6	+ 0.4
Federal	5.1	5.1	5.1	0	0
State and Local	26.1	25.5	25.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.4
State	8.5	8.5	8.4	0	+ 0.1
Local	17.6	17.0	17.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.3

SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA was estimated at 160,600 for September, this was an increase of 300 from the August revised figure of 160,300.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 31,800, decreased by 400 from the August level of 32,200. Manufacturing was down slightly by 100; while construction was off 300 due to losses across the entire sector.

Service producing employment rose 700 from August to September, to an estimated level of 128,800. The transportation, communications, and public utilities sector, and finance, insurance, and real estate sector each had a minimal gain of 100 each. Government employment increased, at the local level, as the 1994 school year began.

An estimated 16,100 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA had average weekly earnings of $592.57 in September, compared to $593.40 in August. Average weekly hours increased to 43.7 in September, compared to 43.0 in August. Average hourly earnings dropped to $13.56, compared to $13.80 in August.

The civilian labor force for the MSA, estimated at 181,200 included 167,900 employed and 13,300 unemployed, resulting in an unemployment rate of 7.3 percent.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index" is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services for the United States. Prices are gathered from 85 areas across the country. The years 1982-84 are used as the base period. While the CPI may provide a broad outline of price fluctuations, it cannot reflect individual buying trends or regional experiences.

ANNUAL AVERAGES

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS		URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL WORKERS	
YEAR	INDEX*	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR	INDEX	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
1987	113.6	+ 3.6	112.5	+ 3.6
1988	118.3	+ 4.1	117.0	+ 4.0
1989	124.0	+ 4.8	122.6	+ 4.8
1990	130.7	+ 5.4	129.0	+ 5.2
1991	136.2	+ 4.2	134.3	+ 4.1
1992	140.3	+ 3.0	138.2	+ 2.9
1993	144.5	+ 3.0	142.1	+ 2.8

MONTHLY 1993 - 1994

		% CHANGE FROM PRIOR			% CHANGE FROM PRIOR	
1993	INDEX	[MONTH	YEAR]	INDEX	[MONTH	YEAR]
Jan.	142.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.3	140.3	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Feb.	143.1	+ 0.4	+ 3.2	140.7	+ 0.3	+ 3.2
Mar.	143.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.1	141.1	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
Apr.	144.0	+ 0.3	+ 3.2	141.6	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
May	144.2	+ 0.1	+ 3.2	141.9	+ 0.2	+ 3.1
June	144.4	+ 0.1	+ 3.0	142.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.8
July	144.4	0	+ 2.8	142.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.7
Aug.	144.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.8	142.4	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
Sept.	145.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.7	142.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.5
Oct.	145.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.8	143.3	+ 0.5	+ 2.7
Nov.	145.8	+ 0.1	+ 2.7	143.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
Dec.	145.8	0	+ 2.7	143.3	- 0.1	+ 2.5
1994						
Jan.	146.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.5	143.6	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Feb.	146.7	+ 0.3	+ 2.5	144.0	+ 0.3	+ 2.3
Mar.	147.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.5	144.4	+ 0.3	+ 2.3
Apr.	147.4	+ 0.1	+ 2.4	144.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.2
May	147.5	+ 0.1	+ 2.3	144.9	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
June	148.0	+ 0.3	+ 2.5	145.4	+ 0.3	+ 2.4
July	148.4	+ 0.3	+ 2.8	145.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Aug.	149.0	+ 0.4	+ 2.9	146.5	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Sept.	149.4	+ 0.3	+ 3.0	146.9	+ 0.3	+ 3.0

TO COMPUTE PERCENT CHANGE:

$$\frac{\text{CURRENT PERIOD - PRIOR PERIOD}}{\text{PRIOR PERIOD}} \times 100 = \% \text{ change}$$

*Based to 1982-1984 = 100.0

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